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Microsoft should not be given a "reward" by having to pay out \$1 billion in cash and products. This is not a punishment; it is a nail put in the coffin of any possible competition that Microsoft might have.

The company should be forced to provide a FAIR playing field for any settlement that is proposed. "Giving" the schools all of those Microsoft products basically guarantees those schools (including the students and faculty) a future reliance on Microsoft. Please do not let that happen.

Microsoft is an overly competitive company that twists the rules of free enterprise however it sees fit with NO regard to consumer needs and RIGHTS.

It does not "innovate"; it SUFFOCATES the industry by force feeding it's own standards. That is not good for consumers, government, or the tech industry.

Thank you,

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